

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 12 wherein the average circularity factor is 14 or below.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 12 wherein the inorganic compound has a water solubility of less than 0.05 g per 100 g of water.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 12 wherein the inorganic compound is a salt.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A condom comprising a finishing powder which comprises a particulate, substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound having substantially spherical particle morphology, wherein the inorganic compound is a salt, and wherein the salt is basic magnesium carbonate which is a mixture of magnesium carbonate and hydrated magnesium hydroxide.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 12 wherein the inorganic compound has been spray dried.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 7 wherein the inorganic compound is spray dried magnesium carbonate.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 7 wherein the inorganic compound has been made according to the Aman process.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (previously presented): A condom comprising a finishing powder which comprises a particulate, substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound having an average circularity factor of 15 or below, wherein the circularity factor for each particle used to generate the average is measured according to the formula:

$$\text{circularity factor} = p^2/A$$

where p is the perimeter of a 2-D image of the particle and A is the area of the 2-D image of the particle.

Claims 13-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 7 wherein the inorganic compound has a water solubility of less than 0.05 g per 100 g of water.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 7 wherein the inorganic compound is a salt.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The condom according to claim 5 wherein the salt is magnesium carbonate or calcium carbonate.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The condom according to claim 20 wherein the salt is magnesium carbonate or calcium carbonate.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A condom comprising a finishing powder which comprises a particulate, substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound having an average circularity factor of 15 or below, wherein the circularity factor for each particle used to generate the average is measured according to the formula:

$$\text{circularity factor} = p^2/A$$

where p is the perimeter of a 2-D image of the particle and A is the area of the 2-D image of the particle and wherein the particles are non-immobilized on the surface of the condom.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 23 wherein the average circularity factor is 14 or below.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 23 wherein the inorganic compound has a water solubility of less than 0.05 g per 100 g of water.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 23 wherein the inorganic compound is a salt.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 23 wherein the inorganic compound has been spray dried.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 27 wherein the inorganic compound is spray dried magnesium carbonate.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 27 wherein the inorganic compound has been made according to the Aman process.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 27 wherein the inorganic compound has a water solubility of less than 0.05 g per 100 g of water.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A condom according to claim 27 wherein the inorganic compound is a salt.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The condom according to claim 26 wherein the salt is magnesium carbonate or calcium carbonate.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The condom according to claim 31 wherein the salt is magnesium carbonate or calcium carbonate.